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Dear Ministers McLean and Clarke,

I am writing to express my deep concern that with the recent announcement of WES being moved out of downtown and to the community of Takhini, there has been no promise from this government for a replacement elementary school in the downtown core.

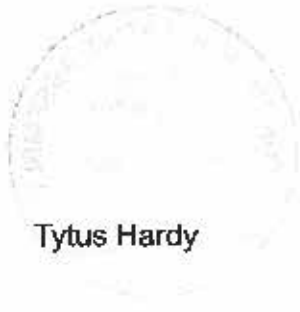
As a born and raised downtown resident who is currently residing in the downtown area with a child who is attending WES the idea that one of the largest communities within the City of Whitehorse will NOT have an elementary school within walking and biking distance for the hundreds of children who live here is absurd.

I ask that your departments assure the families and people of downtown, that with the departure of WES, plans for an official catchment elementary school within the downtown core will be in progress and given high priority.

As a downtown resident who has the the official community plan for old town change significantly over the past 15 years with the main theme be to increase density it is imperative to keep open public spaces in the downtown core. WES not only functions as a school but in summer numerous daycares use the playground and families. As someone who grew up walking to one of the two elementary schools that used to be downtown i can attest to the benefits that having a school in walking distance to home brings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Ms. Emily Tredger, Third Party House Leader